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| **Unit: Creative Writing** |
| **Topic: Developing Character** |
| **Type of Writing: Casual (level 1)** |
| **Timeframe: 41 minutes** |
| **Plan: Using the “Method of Characterization” worksheet, students will learn about the techniques authors use to reveal character. The worksheet identifies those four techniques: 1) a character’s appearance; 2) a character’s speech and behavior; 3) a character’s thoughts and feelings; 4) reactions of other characters about the character. Students will look for clues throughout a short passage, jotting down details that reveal character. Then, provide each student with a photograph of a person. Each student will provide 2-3 details for each method of description listed on the chart.**Have students complete the worksheet by choosing a photograph of a person or animal (or other image they'd like to personify) from a magazine and providing 2-3 details for each method of description listed on the chart. The physical description of the character in the magazine is clear, but it is up to the student to decide which details they would like to reveal to the reader. |
| **Materials:**   1. **Method of Characterization worksheet (attached)** 2. **Short passage (attached)** 3. **Photographs cut from magazines or newspapers** |